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NASHVILLE – Workers' Compensation professionals from across the state are invited to the 53rd Annual Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators (SAWCA) Conference to take place July 7-11, 2001, at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. The event will also serve as Tennessee's 5th Annual Workers' Compensation Educational Conference for 2001.

"We are pleased to partner with SAWCA for this important workers' compensation conference," said Michael E. Magill, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development. "Industry experts will be on hand to discuss the hot topics in workers' compensation today."

Over the course of the week, participants will be brought up-to-date on rules, procedures, and policies involving workers' compensation and will have an opportunity to network with each other about current workers' comp issues. Topics to be discussed include workers' compensation national trends, ergonomics, everyday ethics, and medical privacy laws.

Those involved in the workers' compensation program in Tennessee in any capacity will benefit from attending the meeting, including employers, insurance adjusters, self-insurers, third-party administrators, safety and human resource managers, plaintiffs' and defense attorneys, health care providers, mediators, and medical and vocational rehabilitation providers. Topics will be discussed from both general and specialized perspectives.

You can register for the conference by calling Darlene McDonald at the Department of Labor & Workforce Development, (615)741-7746. The \$425 member/\$525 non-member registration fee includes all conference materials and special functions. To reserve a room for the conference, call the Opryland Hotel at (615)889-1000.

NOTE: Media coverage is invited.

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